

WOMAN'S REALM

ANNUAL RECEPTION
OF BEAUVOIR CLUB
A BRILLIANT EVENT

Club Men Throw Open Their Social House—Magnificent Club Decorated in Most Lustrous and Beautiful Manner Than Ever Before.

The reception of the Beauvoir Club last night was the most elaborate and charming event of the social season which it opens. The festivities of the winter were inaugurated with all the eclat and brilliancy that befits the occasion when last evening the members of this popular and leading society organization threw the doors of their club home open for the first formal reception of the season.

The decorations have never on a similar occasion been more elaborate and brilliant. The entire interior of the club house was thrown open and the plan of lavish adornment extended throughout all the rooms. The broad hall, with its chrysanthemums were used with masses of white and pink flowers and the effect was charming. The two punch tables, connecting parlors that form reception rooms and reading room was where the guests were seated. The tables were filled with Lorraine begonia and Farleyenses ferns intermingled with the roses. The mantels were adorned as in the first, excepting that the beauty of these blended softly with the rich greens of the foliage plants. In the center of the hall, the tables were ranged, the mantel was massed with white and pink flowers and a wealth of American Beauty roses. The two punch tables were appointed with old silver and sparkling cut glass. Beauty roses in tall crystal vases, and red candles in silver candelabra added color and light, while dainty lines of hot house smilax traced over the lace covers.

The two billiard rooms on the opposite side of the hall were transformed into dining rooms for the evening. In the front on the long table was festooned with smilax caught with knots of red ribbon. In the center of the hall, the tables were ranged, the mantel was massed with white and pink flowers and a wealth of American Beauty roses. The two punch tables were appointed with old silver and sparkling cut glass. Beauty roses in tall crystal vases, and red candles in silver candelabra added color and light, while dainty lines of hot house smilax traced over the lace covers.

W. H. HUNTER TRIED

JURY HAD NOT REACHED VERDICT EARLY THIS MORNING.

Sister of Man Accused of Murder of T. M. Sumrall Sits by His Side and Hears Evidence of Eye-Witnesses.

Wade Hampton Hunter, charged with the murder of T. M. Sumrall at the saloon of T. T. Trentham at North McDonough and Pollard streets, was put on trial for his life in the City Court yesterday morning. The entire day's session was consumed in hearing the case, and at an early hour this morning the jury had failed to reach a verdict.

The case went to the jury yesterday afternoon at 6:14 o'clock, after Judge William J. Thomas had delivered an exhaustive charge.

Throughout the trial a sister of the accused set just to his right and frequently spoke to him during the trial and on several occasions was unable to contain her emotions, breaking into tears. She came to Montgomery from Sumter, S. C., where she is engaged as a school teacher. She was accompanied to the court room by two women with whom she is stopping here.

The prisoner is a man of 26 years of age with a bright face and erect carriage. He was rather pallid from his two months' incarceration, but controlled his emotions admirably.

The murder with which Hunter was charged was committed at 3:30 o'clock on the afternoon of August 28. The victim was several eye-witnesses, and all testified as to the five shots which Hunter fired at Sumrall.

In his case yesterday the defendant did not introduce any witnesses except those to prove that Sumrall had made threats against him. One of these who was foreman over both of the men in a railroad shop, testified that Sumrall had said that he would kill him.

Three witnesses, Red Childs, Joseph Perry and Thomas McGillis, were introduced by the State. The statements of these witnesses were almost identical. They were in the saloon at the time the homicide occurred.

McGillis testified that earlier in the day both men had been in the saloon, where he was tending bar, and that Sumrall had pointed a pistol at Hunter and had cursed him to everything he could think of.

Later in the day Sumrall and Hunter came into the saloon together. Hunter ordered a bottle of beer and Sumrall took a lemonade. While the two were standing at the bar witness gathered that they had come to a reconciliation. He heard Hunter ask Sumrall if he had killed him.

That morning, Sumrall replied with an oath that he had immediately Hunter flashed a revolver and fired. He fired five shots, four of which took effect. Witness did not see Sumrall make a motion as if to draw a revolver before Hunter fired.

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In his statement Hunter said that he had been told that Sumrall had threatened his life. He was not armed when he met Sumrall. In Trentham's saloon he was drinking, and seemed to be in a dangerous humor. He had frequently heard that Sumrall was a bad man and that he had killed a man once before.

Jason wore a gown of pink silk with trimmings of gold lace. Next was Dr. J. Lucius Gaston, Vice-President of the club, with Mrs. Gaston, who was elegantly attired in a gown of embroidered lilac crepe de chine and lace. Assisting were Mrs. W. J. Drum, whose handsome gown was of Tricorne lace over mousellin and taffeta, with which she wore a pompadour mesh of pink silk. Next was Mrs. James S. Pinckard in an exquisite frock of white Marquise with border of Beauty roses. Mrs. Robert Ligon in a gown of Heliotrope brocade satin with a touch of yellow velvet trimmed in duchess lace and spangled with silk. The ladies who did the honors in the third parlor were Miss Georgia Wood of Louisville, wearing a toilette of blue crepe de chine; Miss Rogers of Lethachite, in white mousellin and lace; Mrs. P. H. Branch of Asheville, N. C., in white mousellin and lace; a number of debutantes made their first appearance in society on this occasion. Among them was Miss Rebecca Rutledge in white crepe de chine; Miss Florence Davidson in white silk mousellin and lace; Miss Mary Kirkpatrick in white silk; Miss Norwood, in blue silk; Miss Rosalind Sayre in white chiffon and lace; and Miss Mary Kirkpatrick in white silk.

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Among other prominent women who graced the occasion were Mrs. J. C. Virden, Miss Rebecca Pollard, Mrs. Jack Clancy, Mrs. A. B. Hains, Miss Carolina Hannon, Mrs. Frank Peabody, the Misses Jenkins, Mrs. J. I. McKinney, Mrs. S. G. W. Thornton, Miss Fannie Marks, Miss Doris Tyson, Miss Kate Steiner, Miss Mary Kirkpatrick, Miss Lucia Richardson, Miss Ella Hargrove Sayre, Miss Mildred Jones, Miss Jennie Sistrunk, Mrs. Alice Pitts Hill, Miss Walcott Marks, Mrs. Charles G. Roberts, Mrs. William Marks, Mrs. B. J. Baldwin, Mrs. Margaret White, Miss Lucille Wyman, Miss Mary Selby Ball, Mrs. Henry Bartlett, Mrs. John Danforth of Birmingham, Miss Dolly Kirk, Mrs. E. B. Joseph, Mrs. E. A. deFuniak, Miss Annie Lou Chilton, Miss Beanie Thornton, Mrs. James Ware Walker, Mrs. Charles G. Roberts, Mrs. A. B. Hains, Mrs. Ollie Ferguson, Mrs. William Tatum, Miss Eunice Semmes, Mrs. Edna, Miss Louise Marks, Miss Hettie Marks, Miss Bertha Fitzpatrick, Mrs. C. K. G. Jackson, Mrs. William D. Webb, Mrs. John Haywood, Miss Camille, Mrs. George Marks, Mrs. Jack Thornton, Mrs. Margaret Rice, Miss Marie Alexander, Mrs. Victor Hanson, Mrs. B. S. Chapman and Mrs. Jack Thornton.

A prominent visitor of the evening was Frederick Ward, the noted actor, who is now on the lecture stage, and during the latter part of the evening Mr. Ward, who visited the club as the guest of Mr. James Ware Walker, the center of attraction at an informal reception held in his honor in the parlors.

Mrs. Porter Walker, of Birmingham, is the guest of Mrs. Montgomery Smith.

show that Sumrall had threatened Hunter on several occasions, and had even gone to his boarding house and into his room and dared him to come into the street.

None of the relatives of the dead man were present at the trial, and his case was left entirely to the State's attorney.

ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY.

Negro Apprehended by Police in Washington Street Store.

John Washington, a negro, was arrested last night on a charge of burglary. The arrest of the negro was accomplished by Officer Patrick and Curtis, Cloud and Sprinkle.

Washington was arrested in a store in the "600" block on Monday, Street. It is alleged the negro made burglarious entrance into the store through a window.

MASONS TO HOLD GRAND LODGE SESSIONS HERE

Sessions of Various Branches of Order Are to Begin Next Monday and Tuesday.

The members of the Masonic order in Alabama are planning great happenings for Montgomery for the coming week, beginning Monday and Tuesday. The sessions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons will be begun on Monday, the former at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the latter at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Grand Lodge of the A. F. and A. M. will begin its annual session Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the hour having been changed from 7:30 o'clock in the evening, which is the usual hour for the convening of the Grand Lodge. It is believed that the sessions of the Royal Arch Masons and of the Royal and Select Masons will be concluded by breaking the ties of the session of the Grand Lodge.

A. M. Scott, chairman of the committee work of the Grand Lodge, is already in the city, and other members of that committee are expected to arrive in the city today.

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Later he got a revolver with which to protect himself in the event Sumrall should attack him again.

He met Sumrall and they talked matters over and shook hands in a friendly manner. They went to take a drink on the strength of the reconciliation.

When they were standing at the bar discussing the event, Sumrall said that he had called him the name Sumrall, said with an oath, that he had reached for his revolver.

"When I saw him reach for his pistol, I shot him," said Hunter.

Other witnesses were introduced to

C. F. Jones and Mrs. Emma Anderson, Mr. Hugh Simpson and Miss Essie McDaniel, Mrs. E. Hopkins and Mrs. Glenie Leffins.

Despite the bad weather last evening the Thanksgiving dance given by the Clanton Social Club was a decided success and was enjoyed by a large number of Clanton young people and quite a number of visitors from nearby towns.

An orchestra from Montgomery furnished the music.

The anted march was led by Mr. Sam Latham and Miss Estelle Morgan, after which the hop was danced.

WEDDING AT TRINITY.

Miss Grayson Becomes the Bride of Mr. Emens.

Decatur, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—A pretty church wedding took place in the Methodist Church at Trinity Station, seven miles west of Decatur, yesterday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The bride was Miss Ruby Sledge Grayson, and the bridegroom Dr. William Emens, both of Trinity.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Grayson. The attendants were: Dr. Frank Emens, a brother of the bridegroom, best man; Miss Annie Roop was the maid of honor, and the ushers were Dr. James Neville and Mr. George Roop, Jr.

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were given a reception at the home of the bridegroom's father, Dr. Frank Emens. They left on a bridal tour to New Orleans, Mobile, Memphis and other points South. They will be at home to their friend in Trinity in about ten days.

Wedding at Society Hill.

Opelika, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Mr. S. W. Tails and Miss Blanche Godfrey, of near Society Hill, were married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. P. Hunter, of Opelika, in the presence of many friends of the couple.

Mr. Godfrey was best man and Miss Emma Talley, maid of honor.

Died in a Well.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 29.—A desire to know the contents of an abandoned well, cost William Hendricks, a plumber, who came here several years ago from Denmark, his life today. Before he reached the bottom of the shaft, he was overcome by carbonic acid gas and was dead when brought to the surface by his fellow workmen.

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"LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR" FAILS TO PPEAR.

Many Dates of Theatrical Concerns Tearing the South Being Out, But Montgomery Suffers Very Little.

Montgomery's first taste of the cancellation of dates by theatrical companies which are touring the South, which are reported to be quite numerous, came last night, when almost at the last minute the news was received that the attraction for the evening, "The Lightning Conductor," would not appear here. It is understood that several other attractions have recently cancelled their bookings. On the nights they had originally intended to be in Montgomery, the Grand will be dark.

There are understood to be two reasons for the cancellation of the date for "The Lightning Conductor," last night. One was the general falling off of the patronage in the South, in common with other sections of the country, due to the present unrest in its financial world. The other was the missing of the baggage car containing the scenery for the play to Arkansas instead of Alabama.

The booking of something like fifteen companies at present touring the South have been more or less curtailed. Between 250 and 300 dates of different companies in different cities, it is said, have been cancelled. But in Montgomery only some ten or six dates that have been disturbed as yet.

The reason for this, according to Manager Hirsch of the Grand, is that Montgomery is on the direct route between New York and the effects East and New Orleans, which is the Mecca of every theatrical combination that comes to the South at all.

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